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SUBJECT: ELIGIBILITY OF RETURNEES FROM ISRAEL FOR USRP TYPE ASSISTANCE.

1. PRESENT ELIGIBILITY OF RETURNEES FROM ISRAEL FOR REGISTRATION BY VOLAGS FOR USRP ASSISTANCE DEPENDS ON THE TYPE OF TRAVEL DOCUMENT WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL BEARS. POSSESSION OF A LAISSEZ PASSER ESTABLISHES ELIGIBILITY WHILE POSSESSION OF AN ISRAELI PASSPORT DOES NOT. AS POSTIS AWARE, INS IS MORE FLEXIBLE IN ITS APPROACH TO ELIGIBILITY FOR CONDITIONAL ENTRY: IT IS NOT THE TYPE OF DOCUMENT BUT LARGELY WHETHER THE APPLICANT WAS FIRMLY RESETTLED BEFORE HE DEPARTED ISRAEL FOR WESTERN EUROPE.

2. AT THE REQUEST OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, WE ARE REVIEWING OUR POLICY. WE RECOGNIZE THAT WE MAKE AN ARBITRARY DISTINCTION AT BEST. HOWEVER, AS A RESULT OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS BY WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ON SOVIET REFUGEES IN ISRAEL, THE NUMBERS OF ISRAELI PASSPORT HOLDERS MAY NOT BE VERY LARGE. DOES THE MISSION HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON THE

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NUMBERS OF SOVIET-ORIGIN ISRAELI CITIZENS IN WESTERN EUROPE

WHO HAVE ISRAELI PASSPORTS AND WISH TO MIGRATE TO U.S.?
HOW DO THESE COMPARE WITH THE NUMBERS OF LAISSEZ PASSER
HOLDERS?

3. DOES MISSION HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS ON DEALING WITH
THIS PROBLEM? ONE METHOD WOULD BE TO HAVE THE VOLUNTARY
AGENCY SUBMIT AN INDIVIDUAL JUSTIFICATION FOR REGISTRA-
TION OF A PASSPORT HOLDER. THIS JUSTIFICATION WOULD BE
REVIEWED BY THE MISSION AND IF THE INDIVIDUAL DID NOT
APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN FIRMLY RESETTLED IN ISRAEL, TH
AGENCY COULD BE AUTHORIZED TO REGISTER THE REFUGEE.
IS SUCH A SYSTEM WORKABLE?

4. IN COMMENTING, MISSION SHOULD KEEP IN MIND THAT THE
FY 1976 AUTHORIZATION OF 20 MILLION DOLLARS FOR SOVIET
REFUGEES PROVIDES THAT NO MORE THAN 20 PERCENT CAN BE USED FOR
REFUGEES GOING TO COUNTRIES OTHER THAN ISRAEL. KISSINGER

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